

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Privileges Committee

### Appointment of the Committee

That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:

#### Appointment

1. (a) A Privileges Committee (referred to as “the Committee”) be appointed.
- (b) The Committee is the designated Committee for the purposes of section 72B of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, relating to parliamentary ethical standards.

#### Functions

2. The functions of the Committee are to:
  - (a) consider and report upon any matters relating to privilege which may be referred to it by the House or the President,
  - (b) consider submissions referred by the President concerning citizens’ rights of reply,
  - (c) under section 72C of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988:
    - (i) prepare for consideration by the Legislative Council draft codes of conduct for members of the Legislative Council and draft amendments to codes already adopted,
    - (ii) carry out educative work relating to ethical standards applying to members of the Legislative Council,
    - (iii) give advice in relation to such ethical standards in response to requests for advice by the Legislative Council, but not in relation to actual or alleged conduct of any particular person,
    - (iv) review the code of conduct at least once in each period of four years.

#### Powers

3. The Committee has power to make visits of inspection within New South Wales and, with the approval of the President, elsewhere in Australia and outside Australia.

#### Membership

4. The Committee is to consist of seven members, comprising:
  - (a) four Government members,
  - (b) two Opposition members, and
  - (c) one Cross Bench member.

#### Chair and Deputy Chair

5. (a) The Leader of the Government is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Chair of the Committee.
- (b) The Leader of the Opposition is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Deputy Chair of the Committee.